

MASSACHUSETTS PLOUGHMAN.

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THE WATER QUESTION.

The Boston papers are most of them filled with discussions on the subject of bringing fresh water to the city. There is one class of people totally opposed to any undertaking by the city authorities. Another class is in favor of the scheme of bringing in water from Spot Pond by a private chartered company. A third class is for taking a supply from Charles river at the cost of the city. A meeting is to be held next Monday to decide on the question of accepting the charter, granted last winter, authorizing the city to lay claim to that river, or from Long Pond, at their option.

Our country readers can be much interested in this question, though we presume our framing-hall subscribers would rather have Concord river go to Boston than to Brookline. We can spare Long Pond better than we can part with our river, for if that is diverted a great gulf is left between the city and the which cannot easily be filled.

THE HORTICULTURAL HALL, in School street, was dedicated on Thursday evening. The building is a handsome structure, and the Hall is finished in excellent style. On this occasion it was decorated through its whole circumference with pots of the most rare plants and flowers.

The dedicatory address was delivered by the Hon. George Lunt, of Newburyport; it was a flowing and finished production. A prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Rogers. Original songs were sung by Miss Stone and the Choir, and One Hundred was in a single stanza, by the whole assembly. The Hall was well filled with hearers. Col. Wilder, the President of the society, opened the meeting in a short and pertinent address.

FLOWER SEEDS. J. L. L. F. Warren, has published his Annual Catalogue of Flower Seeds, comprising new sorts of Annuals, Biennials and Perennials, many of them very beautiful. It contains a chapter on the culture of Flower seeds, with directions for their management. Among others, we notice the names of Mignonette, Lupin, Candytuft, Aster, Hibiscus, Sweet Pea, Morning Glory, Tri-Colored Amanthus, ten-weeks Giliflower, Petunia, Splendid Madras, &c.

The ladies will find them at his store, Nos. 1 and 2 Tremont Temple.

RAINY. On Wednesday evening we were cheered with a sprinkling from the stilly clouds; occasional showers fell on Thursday, and we had some dripping through the night; yesterday the gentle drops saved the labor of carrying water to sprinkle the streets. This rain comes finely and in happy time for our grass lands which needed it much. It has been uncommonly dry in all parts of the United States—the country of the Upper Mississippi is the only wet district we have heard from.

RECEIPT FOUND. The gentleman who lost this, a receipt for thirty six dollars, paid in Boston and signed by one Miller, is informed that he left it at this office.

£10 Peter Duffy was fined \$2.00 on Tuesday last for smoking in the streets.

PLATE CONTRA ATHEOS; or the Tenth Book of the Dialogue on Laws; with critical notes, discussions and a history of the author. It is a work of metaphysics and Theology, especially as compared with the Holy Scriptures. By Taylor Lewis LL. D. New York: Harper & Brothers, pp. 376.

This is designed as a text book for advanced students in the Greek language. The text is accompanied by numerous notes in English; and one of the objects of it is to exhibit, in connection with the Platonic, the other systems of Greek philosophy, and their bearing upon the Christian theology. The Book of the Laws was chosen as the best central point from which to make excursions. The author has given some account of the "doctrines of ideas" as needed to corrective to the tendency to resolve all knowledge into an experimental induction of facts, not only in physical, but also in ethical and political science. It is a valuable classic work, and is published in a very acceptable form.

The same publishers have issued Paulding's well known and interesting tales entitled "The Dutchman's Fireside," as the 9th number of the Pocket edition, which is sold for twenty-five cents.—Also, Part VI of the Dictionary of Practical Medicine, edited by C. A. Lee, M. D. The No. rents of Drayton, Dysentery, Earache, Elephantiasis, &c. Phillips & Sampson are agents for all the above, in Boston.

Every man has own Farrier; containing the Causes, symptoms and most approved methods of cure of the Diseases of Horses. By Francis Clark, and his son John Clark, with notes and additions by J. S. Skinner. Philadelphia, Lee & Blanchard, pp. 218.

This is the somewhat lengthy title of a very valuable work which has reached its 28th edition in London. The MSS. Clarendon is of high repute in these matters, and Mr. Skinner, the editor of the American edition, who is well known as the former editor of the American Farmer at Baltimore states that it embraces whatever is most new and reliable in the veterinary art.

It may be found at the bookstore of B. B. Moseley, in Cornhill.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE. We have received from the publisher, 98 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, the June No. of this monthly with three fine engravings. A new volume commences with the July No., in which the publisher promises to "give a glorious promise," by Smiles, of "The Battle of New Orleans." We shall wait a copy of that.

£10 Redding & Co., 8 State street, have the 26th No. of "Harper's Pictorial Bible," which contains 37 engravings in the same excellent style as usual. Six hundred and twenty-four pages are now complete, and the 14th chapter of Ecclesiastes is commenced.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE for June is on our table. The engravings are fine. The ladies must not be ignorant of Graham. Redding & Co., 8 State street, sell the numbers.

They also have for sale ARTHUR'S LADIES' MAGAZINE for June, with two handsome engravings.

BULLARD'S WEEKLY ADVERTISING CHART. This is a very handsome advertising sheet. Each subscriber is entitled to a certain number for circulation. This is a novel mode of advertising. A copy may be seen at the Ploughman's Office. Mr. S. M. Bullard issues his Chart from S. N. Dickinson's office, 52 Washington street.

A HINT. The new postage law which goes into effect on the 1st of July, prevents Post-masters from franking letters containing money for the payment of subscriptions to publications. Those, therefore, who are desirous of saving postage, would do well to act on this hint, and forward their dues to publishers at once.

A GOOD BATHING HOUSE. On Thursday we visited the bathing house at the eastern end of Craigie's bridge, and enjoyed the luxury of a warm salt water bath. This establishment is well attended to, and we hope it will be patronized extensively enough to remunerate the proprietors. If Boston people would eat less and bathe more, their doctor's bill could be more easily balanced.

IT is now more fashionable among counterfeitors to alter good bills to a higher denomination than to make new ones.

WAR WITH ENGLAND.

We have seen nothing from the Ministry of Great Britain which looks so much like war as the closing remarks of Sir R. Peel's speech on the Maynooth College question. It is not just a place of interest, which causes us to expect to find anything bearing directly upon the difference between the English and the U. S. and therefore we extract the passage. It will throw some light on the policy of Great Britain, which is to conciliate Ireland, that it may be better prepared to contend, if necessary, with America. This explains in part, the unusual interest and importance which have been attached to what has appeared to us in the course of our framing-hall.

On the day after we introduced the measure to the committee, Mr. Peleg, of the Greenfield, was called to a matter of great importance, and the noble Lord (Lord J. Russell) left it him, partially to raise the veil which conceals the distant future. There rises in the far western horizon a cloud, small indeed, but threatening future storms. It became my duty on the part of the government, on that day in temperate but significant language, to depart so far from the usual mode of action, as to declare that while we were most anxious for the publick adjustment of the differences, while we would have nothing done to effect that amicable adjustment—yet if our rights were invaded, we were prepared and determined to maintain them. (Loud cheers.)

I mean to that when I was called upon to make that declaration, I did not neglect, with some infatuation, the idea that the war was imminent. (Loud cheers.) Sir, the Hon. gentleman, the member for Canterbury (Mr. Smythe) thought it not improbable that the time might come when this country might be compelled to defend itself.

To incorporate the Greenfield and Northampton railroad.

To incorporate the Hampshire and Franklin railroad company.

To incorporate the Medford branch railroad company.

To authorize the Old Colony railroad corporation to extend their road across the channel between South Boston and Boston proper, above the North Free Bridge.

To revive the charter of the Pittsfield and North Adams railroad corporation.

To incorporate the Peterborough and Shirley railroad company.

To incorporate the Lexington and West Cambridge railroad company.

Incorporating the Groton and East Wilton railroad company.

To establish the Randolph and Bridgewater railroad company.

To establish the Middleborough railroad corporation.

To authorize the Charlestown branch railroad company to construct a branch.

To authorize the Old Colony railroad to build a branch railroad from Abington to Bridgewater.

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COMMON PLEAS, SUFFOLK COUNTY.
UNUSUAL CAUSE FOR DAMAGES.—Many
Mansion, boarding-house keeper, Mr. K. Spofford, is
concerned on the writ alleging, that the defendant had
placed in the plaintiff's possession an improper person as
a keeper and, as such, attachment, and that the conduct
of the said keeper brought great scandal upon the
house, or the great injury of the plaintiff in her
property of boarding-house keeper. It was proved that
the keeper was drunk, while the house, and cre-
ated much damage. Verdict for the plaintiff,
giving \$225 damages.

Mr. Spofford's excuse is, that the keeper
was recommended to him as a proper person for
keeper, and in knowing his bad habits, he there-
upon appointed him.

MUNICIPAL COURT—MAY 12.

The counter-feeding business. Mrs. Lydia Gar-
rett was indicted for having in her possession sev-
eral counterfeit bills on the Cumberland Bank, af-
ter she had passed two, and been apprised of their
character. Plea—“not guilty.”

Stealing a horse and wagon. George Yates
last full horse and wagon, of Moses Wil-
liams, for half a day, and was not heard
of again till last week. In the mean time he had
sold the wagon in Newburyport, the horse in North-
port, and the harness in Boston. He was
arrested for theft, and pleaded—“not guilty.”

May 13.—A bank teller, Samuel A. Ford,
a young man, was convicted on two indictments for
stealing bills from one to twos. There
was no proof not only of his having passed them,
but of the fact that he followed the business
of being a teller regularly. This testimony came from a
certain Cheever, who helped him in passing
them. [Boston Journal.]

EXTENSIVE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS. Sales
of Public Lands to the extent of 5,000,000 acres
and upwards, lying in the Northwest, West, and
southern parts of the country, are advertised to
place in the course of the ensuing Summer
and Autumn.

In Wisconsin Territory, about 30,000 acres of
choice prairie land, and between Fox and Wolf
rivers, and immediately contiguous to Green Bay
and Lake Winnebago, will be brought into market
a October next.

In Louisiana, about 154,000, acres of
land will be offered for sale.

In Iowa, two and a third millions of acres are to
be sold in September and October.

In Illinois, upwards of 9,000 acres of rich soil
tracts on the Mississippi and islands in that river, with small detached bodies of land not
otherwise offered.

In Missouri, upwards of a million of acres will
be offered for sale, embracing tracts in the states of
Arkansas, west, and southwest parts of the state,
and in Arkansas, there will also be brought into market
about 1,000,000 acres of choice prairie land, and
certain tracts of land in the state of Chapman.

In Louisiana, about 154,000, acres in Florida,
upwards of 600,000 acres of fine sugar and cotton
land will be offered for sale.

STEAM FACTORY. At the adjourned meeting,
on Tuesday afternoon, the Naumkeag Steam Com-
pany was organized, under the act of incor-
poration, by the choice of the following gen-
eral directors, viz: David Pingree, of Boston;
Isaac Livermore, and Nathaniel Stiles, Jr., of Bos-
ton; William and Walter, Nathaniel Stiles, Jr., and
William Livermore, of Salem. It was unani-
mously voted that the directors petition the legis-
lature, at its earliest session, for leave to increase the
capital stock to \$400,000. [Salem Register.]

ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE. A negro slave, at
Salem, recently attempted to escape by se-
creting himself on board a British vessel bound to
Liverpool. The vessel was detained by a violent
wind, and after having been stowed away between
a hole of cotton and a water-tight, about ten days,
the negro was “fortunately” discovered, and the
attempt of the chaffed to transform itself into a man
was frustrated.

THE negro, in receiving a fresh supply of La-
tinos, Misses and Children's Shoes, of the latest
style, which purchasers are invited to call and ex-
amine, will be sold by CHARLES TAPPAN, my 10
Framingham st.

Thomas's Town Officer.

DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS, in
relation to the powers, duties and liabilities of
towns, and of town officers, with the necessary forms
just received and for sale by CHAS. TAPPAN,
114 Washington st.

The Comprehensive Commentary on

the Holy Bible,

WITH NOTES, PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS, MARGINAL
REFERENCES, &c., ENTITLED, “THE HOLY BIBLE, OR,
THE HOLY SCROLL; AND THE DIVINE WORD, FOR
CHILDREN; SALVATION SCHOOL TEACHERS, BIBLE
CLASSES, &c. Each volume has five portraits by
steel engravings, maps, wood cuts, &c., and
various styles of binding. Any of the volumes can
be separately.

Comprehensive Commentary, Baptist edition, same
as above, revised and adapted to the use of
the Baptist denomination of Christians, by Rev
John A. Warner.

For sale by CHARLES TAPPAN, 114 Wash-
ington st.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!!!

THE subscriber is receiving a fresh supply of La-
tinos, Misses and Children's Shoes, of the latest
style, which purchasers are invited to call and ex-
amine, will be sold by E. H. WARREN,
Framingham May 3, 1845.

Premium Eagle Ploughs.

The subscriber has for sale
Ruggles, Nourse & Mason's
brass Eagle Ploughs, at Boston
price, which are given to give satisfaction
to the purchaser.

H. & V. AMES,
Bridgewater, May 3, 1845.

Alepin's Alepins!

GREAT BARGAINS IN ALEPINES. NEW England Fruit Book, 12mo, Downing's
Cottage Residences, 8vo, plates.
Downing's Landscape Gardening, 8vo, plates.
New American Orator, 12mo.
Hobart's Food Book, 12mo.

Steward's State Economy, 12mo.

Young on the Home, 8vo.

Boyle's Manual, 8vo.

Hannan on Waste Manures, 12mo.

Gray's Scientific Agriculture, 12mo, 2 vols.

Gray's Domestic Texts, 12mo.

Leach's Organica of Gardening, 8vo.

Thomson's Organica of Chemistry, 8vo.

Hoyle's Practical Agriculture, 8vo.

Bawle's Cookery, 12mo.

Ward's Browsing, 12mo.</p

